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1. IN THE COURSE OF A CALL ON IRANIAN COUNTRY DIRECTOR MIKLOS TO DISCUSS ANOTHER SUBJECT, BRITISH EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY REEVES ASKED WHAT IRAN THOUGHT ABOUT INDIANS REPLACING PAKISTANIS IN SECURITY AND OTHER POSITIONS ON THE ARABIAN SIDE OF THE GULF. MIKLOS REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT IMAGINE THE IRANIANS WERE OVERJOYED BECAUSE OF THEIR SUSPICIONS ABOUT INDIA ACTING IN CONCERT WITH THE SECRET

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USSR, TO IRAN'S DISADVANTAGE IN THE AREA. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAD HEARD NOTHING SPECIFIC ON THE SUBJECT. INTER ALIA REEVES SAID THAT THE UK WAS NOT DISPLEASED AT THE PAK'S DEPARTURE BECAUSE THEY WERE HOSTILE TO UK PRESENCE IN THE GULF AND HAD BEEN TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO LESSEN THEIR PRESENCE AND INFLUENCE THERE. NEVERTHELESS, THE UK RECOGNIZED SUBSTITUTION OF INDIANS FOR PAKISTANIS WAS A "DELICATE MATTER" BECAUSE OF IRANIAN SENSITIVITIES. ROGERS

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